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SUBJECT: SENATE PASSES AMENDMENT TO REORGANIZATION AND MODERNIZATION  
PLAN

REF: ANKARA AIRGRAM A-38, MARCH 21, 1975

1. ON JUNE 2 TURKISH SENATE PASSED AMENDMENT TO 1973  
LAW FOR REORGANIZATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE ARMED FORCES  
(REMO) ALLOWING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES BY THE ARMED FORCES  
UNDER REMO RUBRIC. SIGNATURE BY PRESIDENT AND PUBLICATION  
IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE WILL COMPLETE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND  
BRING BILL INTO FORCE.

2. ORIGINAL REMO LEGISLATION CALLED FOR EXPENDITURES (OVER  
AND ABOVE REGULAR DEFENSE BUDGET) OF TL 16 BILLION OVER TEN  
YEARS (1973-1982), PRIMARILY FOR EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION.  
EXPENDITURES UNDER REMO WERE TL 1.6 BILLION EACH IN 1973  
AND 1974. THE JUST-PASSED AMENDMENT UPS THE TOTAL AMOUNT  
FOR REMO TO TL 24 BILLION AND COMPRESSES PLAN TO SIX YEARS  
(1973-1978). ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, TL 7340  
MILLION (\$524 MILLION) WILL BE SPENT IN 1975, TL 6040 MILLION (\$431  
MILLION) IN 1976, TL 5440 MILLION (\$389 MILLION) IN 1977, AND  
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MILLION) IN 1976, TL 5440 MILLION (\$389 MILLION) IN 1977, AND

TL 1680 MILLION (\$120 MILLION) IN 1978. THE AMENDMENT ALSO  
AUTHORIZES COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO INCREASE TOTAL REMO  
EXPENDITURES BY 50 PER CENT SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

3. AS NOTED IN REF AIRGAM, TL 1.6 BILLION (\$114 MILLION)  
FOR REMO WAS INCLUDED IN 1975 BUDGET. NO PROVISION HAS  
BEEN MADE FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUES OR OTHER FINANCING TO OFFSET  
THE ADDITIONAL REMO EXPENDITURES FOR 1975. ADDITIONAL  
1975 EXPENDITURES WOULD BE TL 5740 MILLION (\$410 MILLION)  
ANC COULD BE AS HIGH AS TL 10,210 MILLION (\$729 MILLION)  
MORE IF AUTHORITY TO INCREASE BY 50 PER CENT IS USED.  
THIS LARGE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR 1975 COUPLED  
WITH OTHER RECENT GOT PROGRAMS EITHER INCREASING  
EXPENDITURES OR REDUCING REVENUE RAISES QUESTION WHETHER  
GOT WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE  
OBJECTIVES WITHOUT ADOPTING HIGHLY INFLATIONARY FINANCIAL  
POLICY.  
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